

REBECCA GILBERT.

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JANUARY 29, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. LAYTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2993.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2993) granting a pension to Rebecca Gilbert, having considered the same, respectfully adopt the report of the Senate, and, in view of a long line of precedents in such cases, recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.

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[Senate Report No. 1235, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2993) granting a pension to Rebecca Gilbert, having had the same under consideration, report as follows:

Claimant is the widow of the late William Lester, who served over a year in the Mexican war as a sergeant of Company E, Fifteenth United States Infantry, and also nearly a year in the late war as a lieutenant of Company C, Twenty-first Missouri Volunteers. He was killed at Shiloh.

It appears from the records that claimant was pensioned from the date of her husband's death until April 18, 1865, when she remarried. Pension was also granted to minor children, under the general law, until they arrived at the age of 16. She was divorced from her second husband a number of years ago, and is now and has been wholly dependent. She is in great need and is now old.

Under these circumstances your committee recommend that the bill be passed.